



# South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start

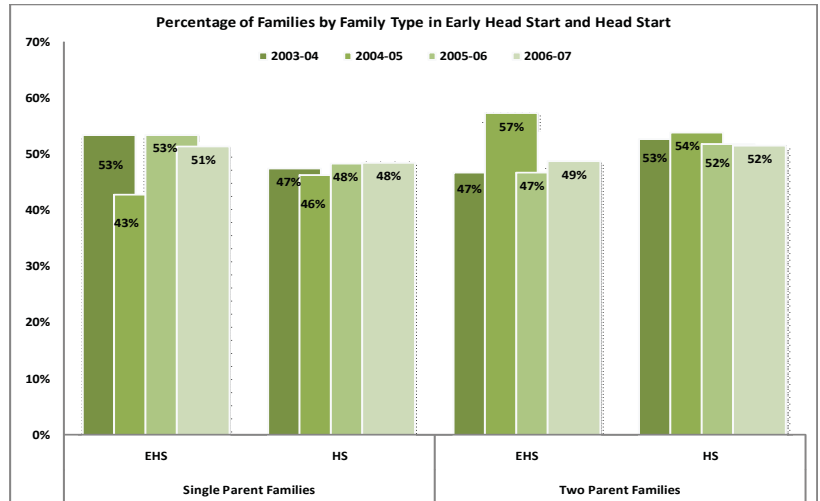
## Family Data

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### Percentage of Families in Head Start/ Early Head Start by Family Type

For the program years, 2003/04 - 2006/07, there have been slightly more married families than single families in Head Start in South Dakota. Except for program year 2004/05, there are slightly more single parent families in Early Head Start.



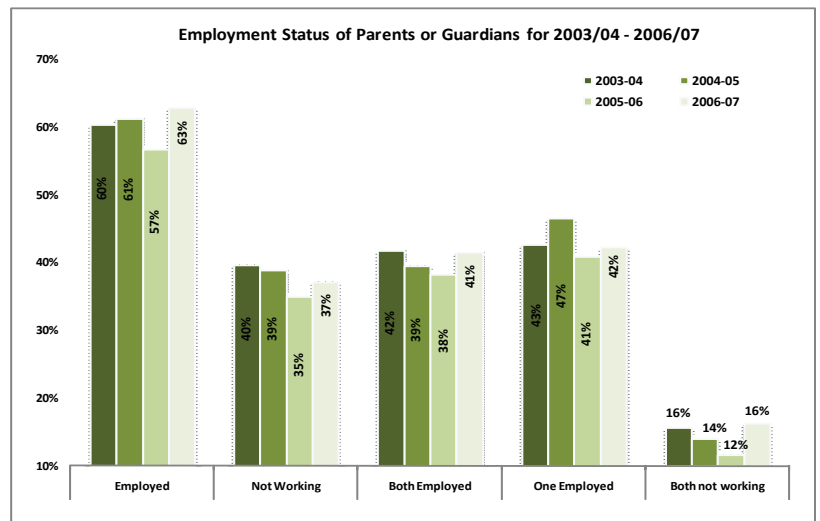
### Employment Status of Parents or Guardians

Nearly two-thirds of single parents who have children in Head Start/Early Head Start in South Dakota are working. The percentage of single parents not working increased slightly in program year 2006/07 to 37%.

Over eighty percent of two parent families have one employed parent or both parents working. The percentage of both parents working increased for program year 2006/07.

In 2006, South Dakota ranked ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) in the nation (70%) with children age 6 to 12 with all available parents in the labor force<sup>1</sup>.

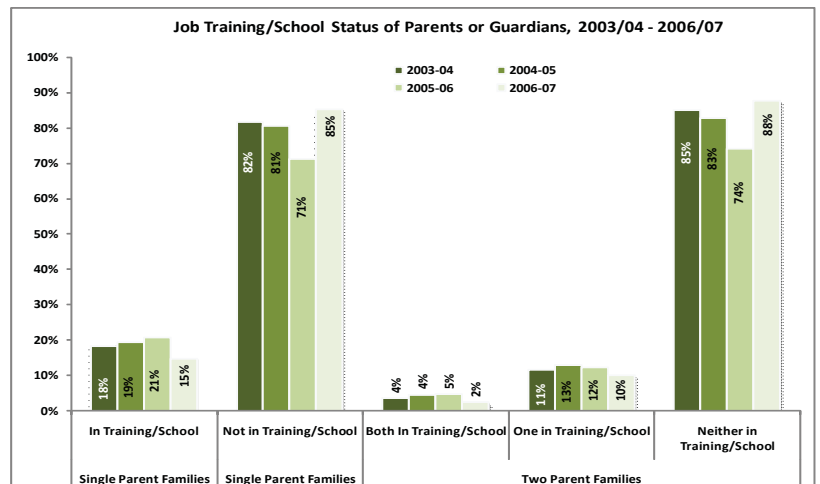
<sup>1</sup>Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, [www.kidscount.org/datacenter/](http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/) accessed June 2008.



### Job Training/School Status of Parents or Guardians

Fifteen percent of single parent families are in school or in a training program.

In 2006/07 over almost 90 percent of two parent families were not in school or in a training program.



Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2003-2006. The figures are all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. In 2003/04 there were 25 reporting sites; 2004/05 there were 23 reporting sites; 2005/06 there were 24 reporting sites; and 2006/07 there were 23 reporting sites.

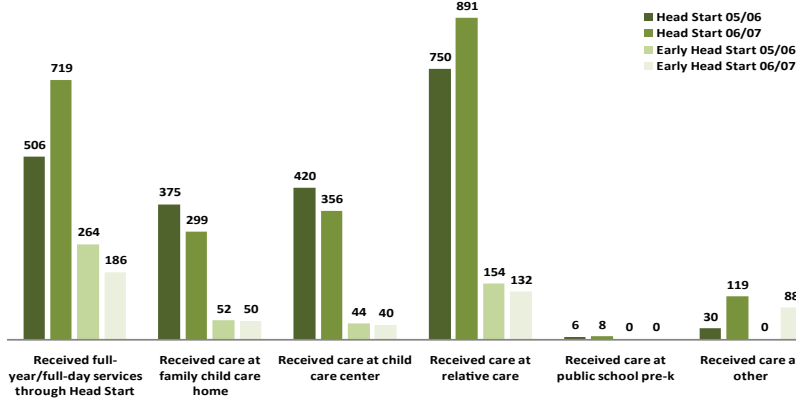


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## Child Care

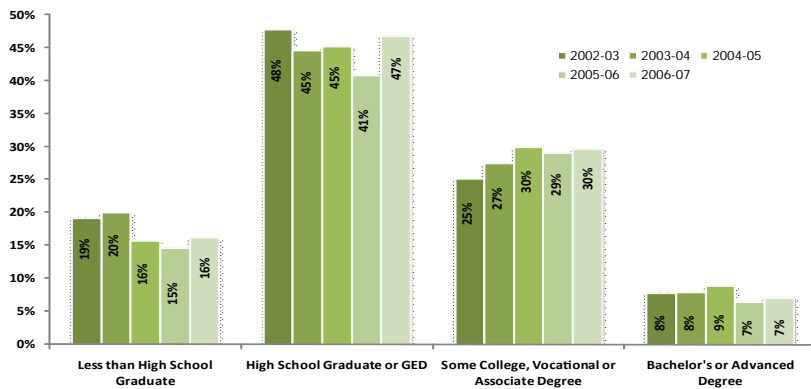
Number of Head Start/Early Head Start children for whom full-year and/or full-day child care is needed, 2005/06 - 2006/07



The chart on the left shows the number of children in Head Start or Early Head Start for whom full-year and/or full-day child care is needed. More Head Start children received child care at home or at another home with a relative or unrelated adult while more Early Head Start children received child care through an Early Head Start program. Very few children received care at a public school pre-k program.

*South Dakota is one of 12 states that does not have a state-funded preschool program.*

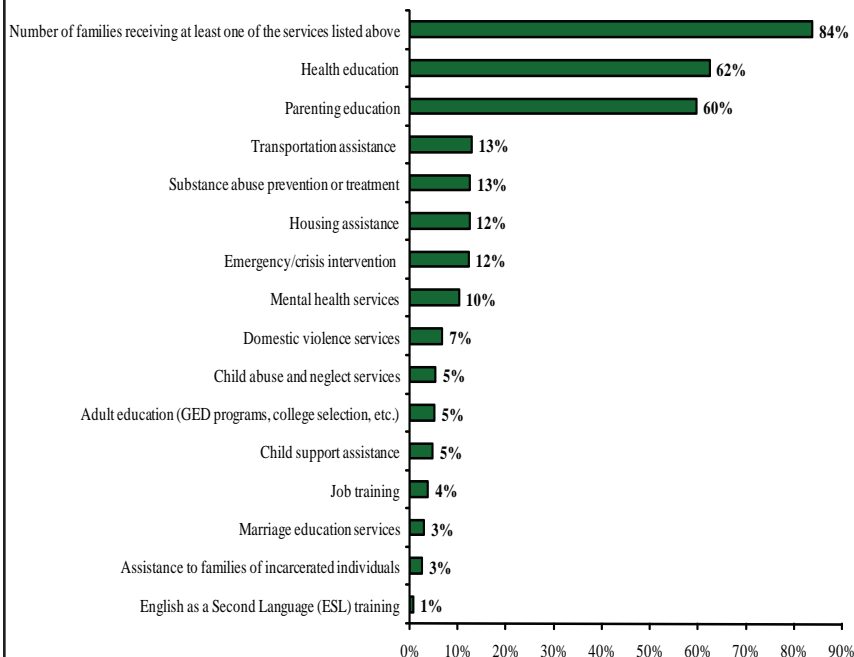
Families by Education Level of Parents/Guardians 2002/03 - 2006/07



## Families by Education Level of Parents/Guardians

Over eighty percent of parents/guardians of Head Start/Early Head Start children have at least a GED/high school diploma or greater. The greatest percentage (47%) of Head Start parents/guardians are a high school graduate or have a GED.

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Almost two-thirds of parents with children in Head Start/Early Head Start received parent education or health education.

*Head Start collaborates with community agencies to assist families in accessing resources and services.*

Note: Statements in *italics* are by the South Dakota Head Start Association.

The Head Start / State Collaboration Office is in the Department of Education - (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/ECS/headstart/index.asp>) Head Start is a comprehensive program that provides educational, nutritional, health & social services to preschool aged (3-5) children from low income families. Early Head Start provides a comprehensive program serving expectant parents & their infants and toddlers (Birth to 3) year round. South Dakota Head Start Association - (<http://sdheadstart.org>) The Mission of the South Dakota Head Start Association is: To represent programs and communicate challenges to those who can facilitate change in order to provide quality services to children and families.